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SUBJ: SWISS CRITICISM OF US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY

REF: STATE 93306; BERN 1810

1. SUMMARY: TRIBUNE DE GENEVE JUNE 21 REPORTED  
AMB RUDOLF BINDSCHEDLER, FED POLITICAL DEPT LEGAL  
ADVISOR, IN JUNE 20 PRESS CONFERENCE CITICIZED US  
NON-PROLFIERATION POLICY AND RECOMMENDED OPENING  
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NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY WITH USSR FOR URANIUM SUPPLY  
AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING SWISS ASSN  
FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY MEETING, PRESS REPORTED BINDSCHEDLER  
DESCRIBED US POLICY AS "NEGATIVE" IN THAT US ATTEMPTS  
PREVENT PROLIFERANTION NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND PLUTONIUM

RECYCLING AND PRODUCTION AS WELL. SAID US POLICY CARRIES MORE DISADVANTAGES THAN ADVANTAGES BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN PROHIBITIONS OVER LONG TERM. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE LOOPHOLES. STRESSED THAT US PROHIBITIONS RUN COUNTER TO ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF MANY COUNTRIES BY MAKING THEM MORE DEPENDENT ON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. THIS CONFLICTS WITH EFFORTS ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE. SAID CURRENT US POLICIES EXACERBATE PLUTONIUM WASTE PROBLEM.

3. BINDSCHEDLER SUGGESTED US ADOPT MORE COOPERATIVE POLICY OFFERING INCENTIVES SUCH AS GUARANTEED ENERGY SUPPLIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP SOLVE NUCLEAR STORAGE PROBLEMS.

4. PRESS REPORTED BINDSCHEDLER SAID SOVIETS OFFERED SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SWISS IN NUCLEAR AREA. SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO APPROACH SOVIETS NOW WHEN NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN IN PREPARATION.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL SO FAR IN EFFORTS ASCERTAIN WHETHER PRESS REPORT ACCURATE.

6. WORKING LEVEL SWISS SAY THEY EXPECT SWISS WILL GIVE US VIEWS ON DRAFT US NUCLEAR COOPERATION  
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